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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/632,092	Applicant(s) KIESSIG ET AL.	
	Examiner Cheryl Lewis	Art Unit 2167	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 and 34-70 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 and 34-70 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the applicants' amendment received on August 23, 2006.
2. Claims 1-32 and 34-70 are presented for examination.
3. The applicants have amended claims 1, 3-6, 10-16, 26, 31, 34-38, 40, 42, 43, 46, 49, 50, 54, 55, and 60 in the amendment received on August 23, 2006. Also, the applicants have cancelled claim 33 and introduced new claims 69 and 70 in the amendment received on August 23, 2006.
4. Applicants' arguments with respect to claims 1-32 and 34-70 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Specification

5. The applicants have amended the Specification to include reference serial numbers to identify the plurality of applications that have been incorporated with the instant application.

Drawings

6. The applicants have submitted replacement drawing sheets for figures 1-5. Therefore, the drawings submitted on August 23, 2006 are accepted by the Examiner.

Double Patenting

7. The double patenting rejection cited in the prior Office Action dated February 23, 2006 is hereby withdrawn. The applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer to overcome the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of the instant application (10/632092) over applications 10/632087, 10/632086, 10/632091, and 10632105.

The terminal disclaimer has been placed in the application file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 recites the claim limitations as follows: 'what changes are made to the selected file'; 'who makes the changes to the selected file'; and 'when the changes were are to the selected file'.

The claims do not include any specific detailed information (attributes, objects, etc.) that would cause and/or would be a reason to change the file. The claim limitations do not recite what happens to the file as a result of the file being changed. The claims lack information (attributes, objects, etc.) about what information within the file is being changed.

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The examiner has carefully taken into consideration that the claim limitations include a record that keeps track of changes being made to a file. However, the changes being made to the file do not recite any specific task that would create these changes. For instance, a change could be created by a user entering or inputting data, a specific entry operation, copy, snapshot, etc.

Again, the claim limitations only recite **what** changes are made, **who** makes the changes, and **when** the changes were made without including any specific cause to create these changes and what happens to the file as a result of these changes (i.e. displaying an updated file to a user after the file has been changed).

Thus claims 2-32 and 34-70 are also rejected for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claim Objections

10. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: The claim limitation of step iii) of independent claim 1 appears to have a grammatical error. The claim limitation recites "when the changes were are to the selected file". Appropriate correction is required.

NAME OF CONTACT

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

(571) 273-4113 (Use this FAX #, only after approval by Examiner, for "INFORMAL" or "DRAFT" communication. Examiners may request that a formal paper/amendment be faxed directly to them on occasions.).

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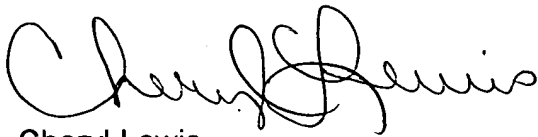
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Cheryl Lewis
Patent Examiner
November 8, 2006